As the elections approach, many of us will be firming up our voting preferences. Here we select five web apps designed to help you identify, situate and share yours.

EUvox 2014

EUvox will help you select the political party that best matches your own policy preferences, as well as providing you with information about the positions of all parties and letting you access information about the positions of all parties.

euandi

Along similar lines, euandi covers a range of EU-wide and nationally specific policy issues. It also provides a community-building platform to connect voters across Europe.

Electio2014

This app provides added value by drawing on sitting MEPs’ actual voting records on key issues.

EuroVote+

Slightly different in approach, EuroVote+ provides information about the different ways in which MEPs are elected throughout Europe and allows you to experience voting systems from other countries, and thus experiment with possible electoral reforms.

Votematch

Users can compare their own policy choices with the ones of parties of 14 countries. Vote Match aims to better inform citizens about elections for the European Parliament (EP), teaching voters about the programmatic differences between the contesting parties.

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